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Trees on
Maine Street
Bulletin

IN THE WORKS



Crimson Spire™ Oak

Quercus alba x *Q. robur* 'Crimschmidt'
A columnar, tightly fastigiated hybrid of English and white oak that combines good characteristics of both. Dark green to bluish green mildew resistant foliage and reddish fall color is inherited from the white oak parentage, while the fastigiated growth habit is inherited from the English oak parentage. The columnar, tightly fastigiated tree grows to a height of about 45 feet and spread of 15 feet. Best used in locations where space is an issue, business districts or as a specimen in the landscape. USDA Zone 5.

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Winds are a changin' and may have health impacts on your town's trees. The recent storm during the last weekend in October brought us winds from unusual east southeast directions. Trees are biologically engineered to adjust to 'wind loading'. Wind loading is a straight wind from one direction applied evenly over the stem, branches and tree leaves. If a wind continues to come from one general direction all the time, hardwood trees develop extra strength on the side of the tree toward the wind. In conifers, like pine, extra strength is built up on the side of the tree opposite the wind. If the winds are not strong enough to blow the tree over, the tree will develop a trait known as wind firmness over several growing seasons. When that wind direction dramatically changes, it can test the resilience of even the strongest of trees, leaving downed or weakened trees and hung up broken branches in its wake. Make certain these broken branches are checked for and addressed, particularly in public spaces. For more information about wind damage to trees, contact the offices of Project Canopy at 1-800-367-0223.

MAINE'S NEW PROJECT CANOPY DIRECTOR

Becky Tavani has joined MFS as the new Project Canopy Director. Becky comes to Maine from a post at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, where she worked on the development and maintenance of a forestry internet gateway and in support of the Global Forest Resources Assessment. She has worked in urban and community forestry initiatives in several cities in New Jersey and New York City. Becky received her Master of Forestry from Yale, where she also worked as a Stewardship Forester. She received her Bachelor's in Biology from Brown. Please join us in welcoming Becky to the Project Canopy team!

Becky's contact information is:

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2006 PROJECT CANOPY ASSISTANCE GRANTS AVAILABLE

Project Canopy Assistance Grants are available to state, county, and municipal governments, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations for developing and implementing community forestry projects and programs. Project Canopy, a cooperative partnership between the Department of Conservation's Maine Forest Service and the Pine Tree State Arboretum, anticipates that \$200,000 will be available to support community forestry projects in the following categories:

Inner-city improvement

\$10,000 maximum award

Projects improve the health and livability of Maine's most urbanized and underserved neighborhoods.

Planning and Education

\$8,000 maximum award

Projects support long-term sustainable community forestry management and efforts to increase awareness of the benefits of trees and forests.

Planting and Maintenance

\$3,000 maximum award

Projects increase the health and livability of communities through sound tree planting and maintenance.

To be eligible to apply for 2006 Project Canopy Assistance grants, all applicants must attend a grant workshop prior to submitting an application (excluding previous workshop attendees). Grant workshops are scheduled for the 3rd and 4th weeks in January, will be held in various locations throughout the state, and will cover topics including grant writing, project development, sustainable community forestry management, and grant administration. Grant applications are due to the Maine forest Service at 5:00 pm on March 16, 2007.

For complete grant application and workshop information, please visit the Project Canopy website at www.projectcanopy.org. You can also learn more about the Project Canopy assistance program by contacting Becky Tavani by phone (207)287-4987, or by email at becky.tavani@maine.gov

LITCHFIELD TOWN FORESTS ACHIEVE FOREST CERTIFICATION

Contributed by Harold Burnett

The headwaters of Dennis Brook drain multiple back yards, along with Litchfield's Little League ballfields, municipal gravel pits, and, quite recently, its FSC certified forestlands. The brook has always linked the town's rich natural resources with commercial and residential land uses, but now on what was once fertile farmland a 40 acre stand of high quality white pine, hemlock, and red oak buffers and cleans the brook, while contributing income and recreational/educational opportunities to the town and its residents.

With the help of Two Trees Forestry, a Maine Forest Service Project Canopy grant, and town volunteers, Litchfield has achieved accreditation from the Forest Stewardship Council for its exemplary forest management. FSC certification is an independent, third party auditing program administered to highlight forest ownerships that meet high environmental, social, and economic standards. Similar to other town properties, the town office woodlot earned income from a 2005 selective timber harvest and provides walking trails for residents, while exemplifying a forest management protocol that helps sustain the rural community's quality of life.



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“From a fallen tree, all make
kindling.”
- *Spanish proverb*

LINKING UP

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assists communities and nonprofit,
grassroots organizations in building self-
sustaining urban and community forestry
programs with strong local support.

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Residents and others who'd like to learn more about Litchfield's forest certification can call Conservation Commission volunteer David Larrabee (268-4205) or consulting forester Harold Burnett (377-7196).

THE MAINE FOREST SERVICE IS LOOKING FOR BIG TREES

The Maine Forest Service is seeking nominations for the 2007 Maine Register of Big Trees. Maine's Register lists 158 of the largest trees, representing 148 species. In addition to 148 state champions, Maine has two national champions. Maine's current national champions are a Tamarack located in T13 R8 Wels and an Eastern White Pine, located in Morrill. The next register will be printed in 2007, and the Maine Forest Service will accept nominations until **December 31, 2006**. To learn more about Maine's Register of Big Trees, please contact Project Canopy at 1-800-367-0223. To nominate a tree or to view the 2005 Register, please visit the Project Canopy website – www.projectcanopy.org

WOMEN CONNECTING – FIELD, FOREST AND SELF

The Women's Agricultural Network (WagN) will celebrate its 10th year in service with a 3-day conference in Bangor. Celebrations, educational sessions, networking, keynote speakers, farm tours, a Women and the Woods track and so much more will all be part of the conference. A sampling of the educational and technical offerings include: Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Woodlot walk and talk, Wildlife habitat in managed landscapes, grant writing and grant resources, and grassroots organizing. Hold December 8, 9 and 10 for what will be an excellent learning opportunity. For more information contact WagN at 1-800-287-1458 or visit www.umaine.edu/umext/wagn/anniversaryconf.htm

QUANTIFYING URBAN TREE VALUE

American Forests has conducted Urban Ecosystem Analyses in nearly 20 cities around the country documenting the loss of tree cover in our cities. These analyses report the value of trees not only in terms of their ecological benefits, but also in a language that decision makers understand—dollars. For more information, visit: <http://www.americanforests.org/resources/rea/>

November

3-4 Massachusetts Tree Steward Training. Harvard Forest, Petersham, MA. FMI call 413-577-2966

4 Pruning, the Basics. 2-4 PM, Anderson Farms Nursery, Waldoboro. FMI call (207)882-6200

9-11 Tree Care Industry EXPO 2006. Baltimore, MD. For registration information phone 1-800-733-2622 or visit www.tcia.org

16 Fall Pruning Clinic. 10 AM – Noon. Urban Forestry Center, Portsmouth, NH. Registration: \$5. Must pre-register at 603-431-6774

16 Watershed Managers Roundtable. 8:30AM - 3:15. Pine Tree State Arboretum, 153 Hospital St., Augusta, ME. Must RSVP Wendy Garland at (207) 822-6320.

17-18 Low Impact Forestry Workshop. Common Ground Fairgrounds, Unity, ME. FMI call (207)568-4142 or e-mail mofga@mofga.org.

21 Webcast of "Emerald Ash Borer - A Status Report". 11AM. Therese Poland, Ph.D., Research Entomologist, USDA Forest Service, East Lansing, MI. For more information, visit: <http://www.unri.org/webcast> or call Dave Bloniarz at (413)545-3755.

29 Women and the Woods: Working with a forestry professional and working your woodlot. South China, ME. Time TBA. FMI and to pre-register call 1-800-287-1458 (in-Maine) or 207-353-5550

December

2 Women and the Woods: Working with a forestry professional and working your woodlot. Jefferson, ME. Time TBA. FMI and to pre-register call 1-800-287-1458 (in-Maine) or 207-353-5550

6 Maine Arborist Licensing exam. Registration deadline November 15. For more information contact the Maine Department of Agriculture at (207)287-3891

13 Tree Climbing and Rigging Safety Seminar. Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine. FMI contact Tom Hoerth at (207)443-8345

January

10-11 Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Foresters Association Annual conference. Sturbridge, MA. FMI call (781) 894-4759

February 2007

6-8 New England Grows, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA. FMI visit www.negrows.org or call (508) 653-3009

If you would like to put your community's activity on the calendar, please let one of the editors know by the 15th of each month.

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